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**MILWAUKEE COUNTY EMS
OPERATIONAL POLICY
UNIFORMS**

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The uniform of an individual functioning within the Milwaukee County Paramedic System shall be the uniform as specified by the employing fire department plus a short sleeved, front-zippered white laboratory jacket with the pertinent fire department patch attached to the left sleeve and the Milwaukee County Paramedic patch attached to the right sleeve.

Each paramedic student is issued three (3) white uniform jackets upon entrance to the Paramedic Education Program. After successful completion of the Paramedic Educational Program and the State Board Licensing examination, the paramedic graduate will receive three (3) paramedic patches at commencement. Any additional uniform jackets or patches can be purchased from Milwaukee County EMS at cost. The paramedic patch cannot be given or sold to any other person or agency or attached to any garment other than the white uniform top and the fire department outwear jacket.

White uniform jackets with appropriate patches are to be worn on all medical (EMS) responses unless special circumstances dictate otherwise (e.g. extrication problems, fires). It is the responsibility of the paramedic to maintain the uniform jacket in a clean and neat condition. Should a white uniform jacket become damaged or permanently stained, the paramedic is required to obtain a replacement jacket. The white uniform jacket should be purchased through Milwaukee County EMS to maintain Countywide consistency.

In addition to the white uniform jacket the paramedic shall have in his/her possession the following items:

- Stethoscope
- Scissors*
- Penlight*
- Gloves, mask, eyewear/face shield *(personal protective equipment to prevent exposure to blood and body fluids).
- Watch or time-keeping device.

One member of the team should have a pocket mask immediately available so mouth-to-mouth resuscitation is never done.

* Initially supplied by the Milwaukee County EMS and will be replaced without cost only if damaged during authorized use.